

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of preparing a self-supporting bag, comprising:
folding a main body of the self-supporting bag, including a body portion and a bottom
portion which is molded, wherein the entire main body is set in a folded state in a step before
filling, wherein the folded state of the main body is formed by folding such that the entire
bottom portion [[in]] is parallel to the body portion[[,]] and the self-supporting bag is flat; and
maintaining the folded self-supporting bag by standing up both side portions of the
main body in a width direction, including the body portion and the bottom portion, such that
the self-supporting bag is not flat,

wherein the main body is comprised of synthetic resin.

2. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The method of preparing a self-supporting bag
comprising a body portion and a bottom portion which is molded, wherein the entire main
body is set in a folded state in a step before filling, wherein the folded state of the bag's main
body is formed by according to claim 1, wherein the folding includes folding [[a]] the bottom
portion into two toward an inner side of the body portion so as to fold the bottom portion in
parallel to the body portion, and wherein the main body is comprised of synthetic resin.

3. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The method of preparing a self-supporting bag
comprising a body portion and a bottom portion which is molded, and wherein the entire
main body is set in a folded state in a step before filling, wherein the folded state of the bag's
main body is formed by according to claim 1, wherein the folding includes folding [[a]] the
bottom portion into two toward an outer side of the body portion so as to fold the bottom

portion in parallel to the body portion, ~~and wherein the main body is comprised of synthetic resin.~~

4. (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, further comprising:

a maintaining means for maintaining the folded state of the bag's main body.

5. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein a pouring port is formed in the bag's main body, and the self-supporting bag is provided with an air communication passage forming portion for making an intrusion of an ambient air into an inner portion of the bag's main body, at a time of pouring ~~[[the]]~~ contents from the pouring port formed in the bag's main body.

6. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 5, wherein a pouring port forming portion and ~~[[an]]~~ the air communication passage forming portion are arranged in parallel in the bag's main body, and the pouring port and ~~[[the]]~~ an air communication passage are formed in parallel.

7. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 5, wherein a hanging hole forming portion is provided in the bag's main body, and an air communication passage forming portion is provided between an upper edge portion of the bag's main body and the hanging hole forming portion.

8. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to ~~any one of claims 5 to 7~~ claim 5, wherein the air communication passage forming portion forms an air communication passage, and a communication port communicating an intermediate portion of the air communication passage with an inner portion of the ~~[[bag]]~~ bag's main body.

9. (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The method of preparing a self-supporting bag product according to claim 1, wherein further comprising:

filling the bag's main body is filled with at least one of a surface active agent ~~and~~ or a solvent as a component ~~according to any one of claims 1 to 3.~~

10. (New): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 1, wherein the body portion includes two side surfaces and the folding includes folding each of the two side surfaces into two toward an outer side of the body portion so as to fold the body portion in parallel to the bottom portion.

11. (New): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 1, wherein the body portion includes two side surfaces and the folding includes folding each of the two side surfaces into two toward an inner side of the body portion so as to fold the body portion in parallel to the bottom portion.

12. (New): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 1, wherein the maintaining includes standing up both of the side portions of the main body in the width direction such that the side portions extend in a direction perpendicular to a central portion of the main body.

13. (New): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 1, wherein the body portion includes a front surface and a back surface and the front surface is attached via fusion bonding to the back surface along a top edge of the main body to form a charging portion, and

the method further comprises:

opening the charging portion;

filling the self-supporting bag with a component via the charging portion; and

after the filling, sealing the charging portion via heat sealing or ultrasonic sealing.

14. (New): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 13, further comprising:

pouring the component from the self-supporting bag via a pouring port that is separate from the charging portion.

15. (New): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 4, wherein the maintaining means includes at least one convex portion on the body portion and at least one concave portion on the body portion to be engaged and disengaged with the convex portion.

16. (New): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 4, wherein the maintaining means includes at least one convex portion on the bottom portion and at least one concave portion on the bottom portion to be engaged and disengaged with the convex portion.

17. (New): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 4, wherein the maintaining means includes a hot melt on the bottom portion and the hot melt adheres a first side of the bottom portion to a second side of the bottom portion.

18. (New): A method of preparing a self-supporting bag, comprising:

folding a main body of the self-supporting bag, including a body portion and a bottom portion which is molded such that the bottom portion is parallel to the body portion and the self-supporting bag is flat; and

maintaining the folded self-supporting bag by standing up both side portions of the main body in a width direction, including the body portion and the bottom portion, such that the support bag is not flat.